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NEW SPONSOR FOR NSWROA

Allianz Dresdner Asset Management has become a major sponsor for 'Racing's Night of Champions' which is being held in August 2005.

The Association is delighted to have brought Allianz Dresdner Asset Management into racing and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Allianz Dresdner Asset Management provides investment solutions that meet the demands and challenges of today's sophisticated and complex investment and economic circumstances.

A GROUP ONE DIRECTOR

NSWROA Secretary Max Whitby has become a national figure following the exploits of Savabeel this preparation, which culminated in a slashing victory in the W.S. Cox Plate.

With Savabeel and Econsul Max and his co-owners are having a

wonderful time. The colt may now go onto run in the Victorian Derby and even the Melbourne Cup.

RACING VICTORIA OWNERSHIP STRATEGY

A \$3.6 million ownership strategy launched towards the end of October by Racing Victoria suggests that they keep very close tabs on NSWROA activities. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery then RVL has paid a heft compliment to the Association and its members.

The policies and programmes outlined by Victorian CEO Robert Nason bears a striking resemblance to our submission to the Racing NSW Strategic Plan.

The strategy recognises that a strong owners voice is good for racing and is designed to encourage and retain ownership and, particularly, to improve the experience of owners on race days.

More details are available on our website but the Association is following up with RVL to understand how the \$3.6 million is to be spent, in order to inform NSWROA's ongoing discussions with Racing NSW.

PRE-PURCHASE DISCLOSURE

Further to the article in our June Newsletter regarding a survey undertaken in South Australia of pre-purchase x-rays at yearling sales in that state, the Rural Industry's Research and Development Corporation has announced a project to identify the incidence of radiographic lesions in yearlings presented for sale throughout the country.

Funding has been made available from the Commonwealth government and industry (including Gerry Harvey of Magic Millions) in order to undertake the research.

Over 2000 sets of x-rays taken in 2003 have already been reviewed and there will be a study to examine the impact that lesions have on the subsequent racing career of the yearlings that were x-rayed.

The NSWROA will make contact with the research team so that we may receive updates and results of the study.

PRIZE MONEY

In his column this month (see next page), bloodstock consultant Jamie Walter writes of the possibility of differential prize money, depending on the status of the race. While this is entirely Jamie's own opinion, it is interesting that this is consistent with the views of over 62% of our members in last year's survey.

XMAS RACE DAY LUNCH

Tables are already selling well for the Association's **race day luncheon at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday 4 December 2004, Festival Stakes Day.**

It should be an excellent day at the races. We will have prizes for Ladies Best Hat, Gents Best Tie, guest tipsters, tipping competition, raffle and other assorted prizes and a sumptuous buffet lunch and drinks. There will also be full tote and bookmaker facilities.

Cost for **members is only \$90** and for **non-members \$100** inc. GST.

NSWROA WEBSITE ACCESS

Don't forget that members need a **username** and **password** to access the website so if you haven't already done so either call **Caroline Fara**, Executive Officer on t: **9299 4299** to obtain your username or **email your password** to **caroline@nswroa.com.au**.

FREE ENTRY RACE CLUB

The NSWROA welcomes another international race club to our list of race clubs offering free admissions to NSWROA members. The **Singapore Turf Club** has advised that it will offer all financial members complimentary admission. Members are requested to make prior arrangements before visiting the Club and all requests must be accompanied by a letter of introduction from the NSWROA. Free entry will not be available during the running of the Singapore Airlines International Cup in May each year.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

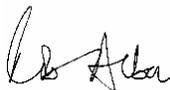
Visit our website or call the Association for more details on the various discounts members can receive when joining the Qantas Club, staying at The Coogee Bay Hotel or hiring a car from Thrifty.

FREE ENTRY - NOV

1 st	Muswellbrook
2 nd	Corowa, Kembla Grange, Moree, Moruya, Orange, Tamworth, Taree
3 rd	Grafton
4 th	Hawkesbury
5 th	Leeton
6 th	Broadmeadow
7 th	Bathurst

9 th	Scone
11 th	Wyong
12 th	Orange
13 th	Albury, Kembla Grange
14 th	Broadmeadow, Canberra
15 th	Lismore, Quirindi
17 th	Hawkesbury
20 th	Ballina, Kembla Grange
21 st	Taree
22 nd	Nowra
23 rd	Scone
25 th	Bathurst, Gosford
26 th	Grafton
27 th	Broadmeadow
28 th	Tamworth
30 th	Taree

Yours in Racing



Rob Albon
President

JAMIE WALTER'S COLUMN

Credit where credit is due. The STC are to be applauded for raising the prize money bar with the standard Saturday race worth a tidy 60k from January 1.

My only query with the increases is how the money is distributed. Should each mainstream race be worth the same or should staggered prize money levels be considered?

Already the additional ninth race, a "Wednesday" race in class, is contested for midweek money, 20k (25k from 2005). However the betting turnover on these events is substantially more than what such a race would attract midweek.

In the USA every meeting carries a variety of purses due in no small way to claiming races. These events form the basis of a national grading system for restricted class horses with

claiming prices ranging from approximately 10-100 grand. Whilst the purses vary, generally the purse on the race is significantly less than the price one can claim the horse for. Thus the 30k Claimer carries prize money of say 15-20k, the 60k Claimer 30-45k and so on.

In a recent Saturday card at L.A.'s leading track, Santa Anita, there were 10 races with a mixed booty on offer.

Maiden fillies & mares	40K
Claiming 3yo & up	36K
Claiming 3yo & up	19K
Open	45K
Maiden fillies & mares	44K
Claiming 3yo & up	15K
Open	45K
Claiming fillies & mares	30K
Open Group 2	250K
Maiden fillies & mares	17K

This represented a sum of 541K distributed on the day between 10 races at an average of about 54K.

Our clubs are catering to the market's call for Saturday to be the "event" meeting of the week. What's wrong with at least one black type or six figure race each Saturday balanced off with another restricted race or two?

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